PENDING CLAIMS AS AMENDED

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1 – 13 (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A method in a base station ~~wireless communication system~~ comprising:

~~transmitting~~ receiving a reverse link signal from a remote station, wherein said reverse link signal comprising a plurality of subchannel signals;

adjusting, independently, the transmission power of one or more of said plurality of subchannel signals ~~at a base station~~ by generating a power control message for adjusting the transmit power of at least one of said plurality of subchannel signals ~~in accordance with a type of data communicated via a corresponding one of said subchannel signals~~; and

comparing a frame error rate of each of ~~at least one of~~ said subchannel signals with a frame error rate threshold for said generating said power control message.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 14 further comprising:

generating a plurality of quality threshold values, corresponding to said plurality of subchannels, in accordance with a measured frame error rate for each of said subchannel signals.

18. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 14 wherein said generating includes generating at least a plurality of bits, wherein each bit represents a command to increase or decrease the transmit power of one of said subchannel signals by a predetermined amount.

19. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 14 further comprising:

generating a plurality of gain values;

applying each gain value to one of said plurality of subchannel signals for adjusting the transmit power of said subchannel signals.

20. (Previsouly Presented) The method as recited in claim 14 further comprising:

decoding each of said corresponding subchannel signals and determining frame errors in said subchannel signals.